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GHI Elections Next Week

A total of seven candidates will compete for the four openings on the board of directors at the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) annual election on Wednesday and Thursday, May 24 and 25. For the first time voting machines will be used at the balloting which will begin shortly after 8 p.m. at the Wednesday night meeting at the Youth Center and continue the next day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the same place.

Four of the candidates — James Smith, Steve Polaschik, Katherine Keene, and Lekh Batra — are running as a slate. The other three candidates are Thomas White, Howard Brooks, and Anthony Lynch. Smith, Polaschik, Keene, and White are incumbents.

Biographies of the candidates appear on an inside page of this issue. All openings are for two-year terms.

Also to be elected is a 3-man audit committee for 1-year terms. Candidates are incumbents Alexander Barnes and James Foster and two others — Gordon Allen and Charles Brown.

A nominations and elections committee consisting of 5 members will be elected for a 1-year term through nominations from the floor at the Wednesday night meeting. Before the names are accepted for consideration, the nominee must give his consent, verbally if present, written if not able to attend the annual meeting.

Each GHI member is asked to vote for as many choices as there are vacancies. The candidates getting the highest number of votes are declared winners. Unlike city elections, no previous registration is needed. All GHI members of record as of May 4, 1972 are eligible to vote.

Each family is entitled to only one vote and one voting card. A special color for proxy cards is used so that a check can readily be made on people voting two cards improperly.

Proposed By-Law Changes

In addition to the elections, the membership will have before it by-law changes proposed by petition. One by-law change will permit the members to make direct changes in the budget proposed by the GHI board of directors whenever the membership is called upon to increase operating expenses by 10 percent or more. At present, the membership can vote for percentage decreases in the budget which are binding on the board, but cannot direct the board as to which specific budget items should be decreased or deleted. The GHI board opposes this by-law change as putting undue limitations on its responsibility to assure proper maintenance of the property.

Another by-law change would restrict any approval given by the membership for an increase of 10 percent or more to a specific percentage increase. The GHI board has proposed clarifying language.

A two-thirds vote of the membership is required for approval of by-law changes.

Attendance of 5 percent of the membership or about 75 persons is required for the conduct of official business.

BICYCLE RODEO

There will be a 4-H Bicycle Rodeo, Saturday, May 20, at 2 p.m. It will be held in Center School parking lot. All 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders may participate. Prizes will be awarded in all age groups.

POPPY DAYS

The American Legion Auxiliary will distribute poppies in Greenbelt on May 19 and 20. The poppies are made by veterans in hospitals and workshops in forty states.

See You There

GHI Annual Membership Meeting

Wednesday, May 24, 1972

8:00 p.m.

Greenbelt Youth Center

All-day voting on May 25th 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

City Grants Waiver on Roads To Greenbriar Development

Greenbriar got back on the city council agenda last Monday night when requests were received from the developer (Alan Kay and associates) for a waiver of city road ordinance requirements. Kay has picked up his grading permit for the 1,193-unit apartment project to be located on the Smith-Ewing north property east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and is in the midst of getting the necessary bonding for the construction of the two roads — Hanover Parkway and Mandan Road — entering the property.

The waiver was requested as the result of the fact that the Greenbriar project will be built on only one side of the two roads. The city ordinance provides that each street shall be constructed to its full width with curbs, gutters, and sidewalks. The developer has agreed to follow this ordinance for that part of Hanover Parkway that fronts on the school board property, but wanted to construct only half the road where the other side of the street is in private ownership. The remaining half of the street would then be constructed by the other developer at the time the other land is developed.

The city council, with Rhea Cohen dissenting, agreed to the waiver, provided other conditions, recommended by city manager James K. Giese, were met. Councilwoman Cohen felt that the Greenbriar project would need on-street parking to meet its needs and that such on-street parking for over 200 cars would not be possible as long as only half the street was constructed.

Giese said that the developer has also agreed to pave the full width of the street for part of Mandan Road near the entrance at Greenbelt Road. Other conditions agreed upon were 2 extra inches of gravel base, provision for trees along the street, and sidewalks along Greenbelt Road (not otherwise required because Greenbelt Road is a state

highway).

However, the council unanimously refused the other requests of the developer. One was a request for a waiver of the sidewalk on that side of Hanover Parkway which fronted on the school board property. The developer argued that such a sidewalk would not be utilized since people going to Greenbelt Road would use the sidewalk on the side where the project is built. However, council felt that someday a sidewalk might be needed and, if waived now, the city would be stuck with the cost of constructing it.

Another denied request of the developer concerned the substitution of asphalt curbs for concrete curbs. The city felt that concrete had a better appearance than asphalt and was less easily damaged.

According to plans, the streets will consist of two 24 foot pavements, with an eight foot median strip.

Hanover Parkway

In a related matter, the council considered subdivision plans for continuation of Hanover Parkway to the south of Greenbelt Road. Following the recommendations of the city's Advisory Planning Board, the council asked the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission not to approve the plans until such time as Hanover Parkway is totally dedicated to the south, with an exit out to Good Luck Road or Cipriano Road. The city is concerned that intensive development will take place in the area with only one entrance and one exit road, thereby throwing all traffic onto Greenbelt Road.

The subdivision plans called for the dedication by the owners of Goddard Space Village, Smith-Ewing property south, and Henry Witt property of the land for Hanover Parkway from Greenbelt Road to the Goddard Space Village apartments. Presently these apartments are served by a private road existing opposite the Baltimore ramp of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Hanover Parkway is a planned 80-foot wide road and the dedication would be in accordance with the Master Plan.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., May 18, 7:45 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.
Friday, May 19, 8:30 a.m. City-wide Paper Pick-up
Girls-Boys Club Carnival Begins

Sat., May 20, 6:30 a.m. Bird Walk, Lake Park

Sun., May 21, 2-4 p.m. Rabies Vaccination Clinic, Greenbelt Junior High

Mon., May 22, 8 p.m. Public Hearing on City Budget, Municipal Building

Wed., May 24, 8 p.m. GHI Annual Meeting (Voting) Youth Center

Thurs., May 25, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. GHI Voting - Youth Center

Management Survey Sees Need For Additional Expenditures To Meet Growing GHI Problems

by Al Skolnik

A series of changes that would cost the corporation \$59,000 more a year were among the recommendations of the management firm hired by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. to analyze and appraise the corporation's overall management and decision-making systems and operating performance.

The management firm, Cresap, McCormick, and Paget (CMP), saw as a major problem the lack of sufficient GHI staff to carry out "such vital functions as long-range planning and member relations." Whatever resources the corporation had for such purposes, the report indicated, were diverted by factionalism, which forced GHI officials to defend themselves against unfounded accusations and which has seriously and adversely affected all phases of GHI management.

The report noted that "strong and loosely worded accusations have been made against the board and the staff of malfeasance and

personal dishonesty which tend to poison the atmosphere of the cooperative." The consultants said that investigation of several such allegations presented during conduct of the survey "revealed no tangible evidence to support them."

Additional Expenditures

Accounting for the increased expenditures that the management firm saw as an immediate necessity were \$50,000 for the addition of two professional and one clerical employee, \$6,000 for the expansion of services provided by the outside auditor, and \$3,000 for an expanded member communications program. It also foresaw a need for expanding the maintenance force by 8 to 12 men if the rehabilitation program recommended by the structural survey is not undertaken, just to retain current service standards.

To offset part of this cost, the report recommended that local realtors be assessed a \$100 fee per transaction for services provided by the GHI Sales Office and that rentals charged to tenants of the Parkway apartments (Greenbelt Devel-

GREENBELT RESULTS

McGovern Wins Easily; Conroy Squeaks In

George S. McGovern easily won the Greenbelt vote in the Democratic preference primary for U.S. President. He won in all three precincts to amass 1,404 votes or 49.9 percent of the total. George C. Wallace was second with 612 votes or 21.7 percent. Third place went to Hubert H. Humphrey who got 20.6 percent of the vote. Minor candidates accounted for the remaining 8 percent.

When Governor Wallace last ran in the 1964 presidential primary, he received 30 percent of the Greenbelt vote.

In the Democratic Congressional race for the Fifth District, the contest was a cliffhanger in Greenbelt as Edward T. Conroy eased out Meyer M. Emanuel by just 6 votes — 1,095 to 1,089.

The Republican contests were non-controversial as President Richard M. Nixon and incumbent Congressman Lawrence J. Hogan easily won re-election.

Examining the vote by precinct shows that McGovern got his biggest majorities in Springhill Lake. (See box on page 3). Conroy needed to carry both North End and Center to offset the heavy Emanuel vote in Springhill Lake.

About 2,815 Democrats and 514 Republicans voted in Greenbelt's three precincts. This represents about a 64 percent turnout for the Democrats and a 33 percent turnout for the Republicans.

The unofficial Greenbelt elections results are shown below.

DEMOCRATIC U. S. President

George S. McGovern	1,404
George C. Wallace	612
Hubert H. Humphrey	580
Edmund S. Muskie	56
Henry M. Jackson	50
Shirley A. Chisholm	42
Wilbur D. Mills	22
Samuel Yorty	21
Eugene J. McCarthy	17
John V. Lindsay	7
Patsy T. Mink	4

Congress - 5th District

Edward T. Conroy	1,095
Meyer M. Emanuel Jr.	1,089
Alan H. Hagen	77
Robert A. Spencer	71
Frank J. Broshart	40

REPUBLICAN U. S. President

Richard M. Nixon	414
Paul N. McCloskey Jr.	75
John M. Ashbrook	25

Congress - 5th District

Lawrence J. Hogan	470
William S. Muscovich	40

Birdwalk at Lake Park

A birdwalk, sponsored by the Recreation Department, will be held at the Lake Park, Saturday, May 20. All interested adults and school age children are invited to meet at 6:30 a.m. at the entrance to the Lake Park behind St. Hugh's School. Wear warm clothes, and bring binoculars if available. For further information call the Recreation Department at 474-6878, or birdwalk leader, Nancy Neupert, 474-4421.

FULL COPIES AVAILABLE

The full 70-page report of the GHI management survey is available for distribution to GHI members. Beginning Friday, May 19, any member may pick up a copy at the GHI sales office on Hamilton Place between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Copies may also be picked up on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and also the following week.

The GHI management said that 800 copies have been printed. There will be no charge, but the management said that contributions of a dollar may be made to help pay for the cost of the special printing.

opment Corporation) be increased to make them competitive with other apartments in the area. The management firm also suggested as another potential source of income, the sharing of GHI in member resale profits.

The survey observed that the corporation has conducted its day-to-day business affairs in a successful manner in the past, and that current operations are reasonably effective and efficient, considering the amount of resources furnished for their support and the constraints imposed by the basic nature of a cooperative as a democratic institution in which members participate heavily in the governing process.

Membership Satisfied

To support this conclusion, the report cited the results of a CMP questionnaire which showed that 65.3 percent of the members responding were satisfied with the performance of the board of directors, 61.2 percent with that of the manager, and 76.8 percent with that of the maintenance department. The report suggested that this general satisfaction may be one of the reasons for lack of membership participation in committees and in elections.

Nevertheless, the report did not believe that the corporation was presently equipped to meet the major problems that are being created by an aging and obsolete physical plant, rapidly accelerating costs, and resulting membership dissatisfaction with certain aspects of the cooperative's management.

The firm recommended a restructuring of the board, changes in the committee system, strengthening of middle management, improvement in financial management procedures, and a substantial increase in the quality and quantity of usable information provided the membership.

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Defends Bylaw Change

To the Editor:

Greenbelt Homes, Inc., is not Thebes under assault by the Macedonians, contrary to what one imaginative GHI Board member may think, nor is the GHI Board such an outstanding leader, to which we all ought to defer.

Miss James' letter against my little old amendment to the Bylaws is only one small part of a somewhat overwrought reaction by the Board. They have procured a letter of opinion by their lawyer (whom we all pay for but whose opinions seem much more likely to be on the Board's side of any policy issue than on the side of an ordinary member). His opinion, like that of Miss James and as heard from some other Board members, is grounded on the assumption that the mass of GHI members is an unruly beast which will carry to an extreme any right it may have under the Bylaws.

The members don't normally abuse their rights. They have not used their rights under the Bylaws to recall Board members from office, to force the calling of membership meetings other than those called by the Board, or in other ways to assert themselves. They haven't even insisted very hard on the Board itself carrying out all its obligations under the perpetual use contracts and the Bylaws, such as building replacement reserves, nor on its obeying its own regulations at all times in governing its own actions and those of management. Why assume that if my proposal were adopted as written — or as it could be amended, if desired — that the members would abuse it by trying to rewrite every line of each budget, or even some of most budgets, as the lawyer and the Board members seem to assume? Maybe the Board will try harder to avoid putting in nice but expensive and needless items to make the budget more amendment-proof, if my amendment passes.

I say this Board, and its predecessors, aren't such great leaders that we ought to want to follow them unquestioningly. The management audit report summary indicates that the Board has fiddled with silly stuff such as hedge regulations and hasn't done its main job, develop a plan to cope with where GHI is and where it has to go. There have been some of us who've been saying this for some time now. I myself am late in getting to that viewpoint, and I've been saying it for a couple of years. There were some members, with whom I've differed on other issues, who tried to warn us about capital replacements before that, and I (and others) wouldn't listen to them.

Now we have a structural survey report which tells us that we need to consider spending several millions of dollars. They mention \$7½ million but won't (can't) confirm that figure. At this point, I realize what a smalltime thinker I am. In my letter a couple of weeks ago, I used a measly \$200,000 figure as an illustration. Now, look:

Suppose we all agree we need to do some of the stuff the TAA report proposes. Suppose further that the Board buys the whole package but that some of us feel that the \$1½ million for landscaping and some other sums for the replacement of the asbestos shingles and porch deck-roof-closet package are nice ideas but unaffordable. Suppose the Board gives it to us in a budget (which I hope won't be done without at least another opinion by another consultant, who'll select his/her own sample houses), and tells us under its existing practice that we can't amend by line item but only by percentages. Are the Board members willing to tell

Mishkan Torah Ceremonies

Confirmation and Hebrew School graduation ceremonies will take place at the Mishkan Torah on the second morning of Shavuot, Saturday, May 20, at 9:30 a.m.

Executive officers of the Synagogue Board, Sisterhood and Men's Club Board will be installed at a dinner on Saturday, May 27 at 9 p.m. at the synagogue. Call 474-4223 for reservations.

us that we can't vote on specific parts of the project for which we'll have to mortgage ourselves for another decade or more?

Suppose, I ask, that the members decide to do without the landscaping item and are forced under present practice to vote to reduce the budget by the percentage required to do this (whatever one-tenth of \$1½ million plus the interest, divided by the whole operating budget, would be) rather than by a simple motion to delete the landscaping item. Let's say that motion passes and then the Board decides we need the landscaping, so it postpones some other, more vital part of the job, knowing sooner or later we'll have to agree to pony up for it, too.

I have said before, and say again. The Board by its arrogation to itself of our right to decide that we don't want to spend our money for a certain project, has invited the introduction of this amendment. They can propose amending it, if there is something about it they really can't live with (besides its removal of a bit of their egos). Anyone else can amend it, too, and I invite this. Or the Board could make the whole exercise unnecessary by openly stating it will henceforth accept and obey floor motions (if passed) to delete, reduce or raise budget items (and we, of course, will realize that we'll have to live with what we pass).

One more point on this amendment: The amendment as written would not recognize, as being in order, a motion to reduce or delete a budget item if that would prevent carrying out an existing obligation. Under our perpetual use contracts, and under the GHI mortgage with Ginnie Mae (or whatever that agency has sold us to), GHI must do the necessary work to keep the structures in good shape. So Miss James and Mr. Polaschik should stop conjuring up visions of frame home members voting to (James) block work on brick homes or (Polaschik) block work on frame homes.

Mat Amberg

GHI in Trouble?

To the Editor:

GHI is in serious trouble. In 1968 and 69 I ran for the GHI Board on the basis of 25 years experience as a management consultant. At that time I stressed that if the membership persisted in electing their friends and neighbors without considering qualifications, we would be headed for bankruptcy. I also opposed the construction of the new free-standing homes because we were having enough trouble maintaining the existing homes. I further criticized the then Board for wasting so much time on trivia and for not permitting the manager to earn his pay.

It is most interesting to note that 4 years later a management audit confirms most of my comments, indicating that the same conditions prevail. The Audit shocking as it will be to many members, was not unexpected by this writer.

I urge every member to read it before they vote. As I see it, certain things should be very evident at this time. Primary among these is that we have had our homes, security and finances governed by Boards comprised mostly by persons with ZERO experience in the management of a large multi-million dollar business. The fact that many of them may hold high government positions is a negative qualifying factor.

GHI does not have a public trough to dip in to as do government agencies. In short we in GHI have been ruled by (in my opinion) a group of incompetents, whose greatest service to the members would be to resign 'en masse' in view of the Audit. A complete change is indicated including the General Manager and Maintenance Manager.

In the past few weeks I have been asked by some of our members to run for the Board. I have declined for one simple reason. It would be almost impossible for me if elected, to accomplish anything with the present Board in the situation before us.

I caution all of you to vote only for candidates who have experience and qualification in the fields of business management. No matter how you categorize GHI, it is in the final analysis a profit and loss enterprise in which you as members profit by low costs and adequate services — or lose as the matter now stands.

Norman B. Charles

Parkdale Band Benefit

The Parkdale Symphonic Band, as a part of its continuing fund-raising efforts for its trip to Europe this July, will sponsor a yard sale Friday, May 19, Saturday, May 20, and Sunday, May 21. The sale will be held at 8403 Nicholson Street, New Carrollton. The location which is on the corner of Westbrook Drive and Nicholson Street is just 3 blocks from the Sheraton Motor Inn.

Among the items which will be offered for sale are two 16" bicycles, toys, games, lawn mowers, puzzles, baby furniture, twin bed, men's suits and art work. Hours of the sale are 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday. Browsers are invited, as well as buyers.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED BUDGET — FISCAL YEAR 1972/73

The Mayor and Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland will hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 1972/73 on Monday, May 22, 1972 at 8:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland.

Copies of the Proposed Budget and City Manager's Budget Message will be available or may be obtained at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Road, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk

Police Commendation

To the Editor:

I wish to commend the city police department for the quick action of apprehension and the recovery of stolen personal property in the early morning hours of April 20, 1972, after the breaking and entering of my place of business in the Center.

Particular commendation is due to the following personnel:

1. John D. Robertson, clerk-dispatcher, whose quick thinking led to the apprehension of the suspect while in flight.

2. Private Terrence L. Justin, whose search of the area apprehended the suspect and recovered the stolen property.

3. Cpl. Thomas F. VanValkenburg, who questioned the suspect and obtained a confession.

4. Sgt. Herbert L. Faulconer, shift commander, who directed the operation.

Leo Gerton

Open Meeting at Community Ch.

A unique program, "Our Day of Hope," will be offered by Greenbelt Community Church on Sunday, May 21. Beginning at 9:30 a.m. with a brief worship service conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Robert L. Field, it will conclude about 2 p.m. There will be three work sessions, led by Rev. Carroll E. Kann, consultant, with a luncheon break about noon (bring your own lunch).

This is for everyone interested in the future of Community Church, friends as well as members. There will be no business and no voting. Present goals will be re-evaluated and new goals established. Come, and participate.



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9:45 A.M. Sunday School 6:00 P.M. Training Union
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship 7:00 P.M. Evening Worship
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Echoes Girls' Field Hazard

To the Editor:

I would also like to voice my opinion about the condition of the Girls' Softball Field in conjunction with the letter in last week's edition of the News Review on the same subject.

There is a dirt mound behind the second base which could interfere with the second baseman's performance. There is also a ditch that needs to be filled in behind the shortstop position. It is a hazard for someone running to catch a ball and could easily cause a bad fall. It would be a simple matter to fill it in and correct.

Since we use this field frequently and take pride in our team's performance, anything that could be done to improve our field would be appreciated.

Martha Brinsko

Hope - Shifflett

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hope of Silver Spring announce the engagement of their daughter, Eleanor, to Robert Shifflett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Shifflett of Greenbelt. Robert attended Greenbelt schools and is a graduate of Parkdale High School. A July wedding is planned.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church



6905 Greenbelt Rd.

Worship Services

8:30 and 11:15 A.M.

Sunday School 9:50 A.M.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5171

Council Flexes Its Muscles; Seeks Land Acquisitions

by Al Skolnik

Council took time off from a busy schedule at last Monday's meeting to express annoyance on two matters which have been hanging fire for a long time. One concerned the promise of the county government to dedicate a 9-acre buffer zone between the Boxwood and Lakewood subdivisions. This land was taken over by the county in a delinquent tax sale from the former owner (Charles S. Bresler and associates). Residents have been asking that the property, which is landlocked, be developed for play space and walkways. The council decided to send a strong letter to county officials protesting the delay in transferring title.

The other matter concerned the lack of progress in obtaining from the Department of Housing and Urban Development a concurred fair market value for the Springhill Lake golf course property which the city wishes to develop for ball parks and other recreational purposes. The city is seeking open-space funds for the purchase of the 11-acre tract, application for which was made two years ago. The council decided to send a strong letter to HUD and also to ask Congressman Larry Hogan for his assistance in moving the project along.

Youth Referral Center

The council directed the city manager to pursue the matter of filing for a \$65,000 Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Act grant establishing a youth service and referral center, but not to sign anything that obligates the city to cash outlays for the coming fiscal year. According to CARE, the sponsors of the project, this can be done because the one-third matching required by the Federal government can take the form of private expenditures for building and equipment furnished, volunteer services, the time of paid personnel, and overhead administrative expenses. However, it was acknowledged that a 10% cash outlay may be required in future years, but again this would not need to be city funds.

Council member Elizabeth Maffay opposed the city's submittal of an application until further information was obtained. However, there was a June 1 deadline and the council was asked to act Monday night. The project also won the approval of the city's Community Relations Advisory Board which said that the program, which calls for a walk-in center to provide counseling to the disturbed and disturbing children, has merit. According to Dr. Leopold O. Walder, about 30-35 hours of consultative time a week would be provided through professional and para-professional people.

COG Intelligence Unit

After a long discussion, council by a 3-2 vote, adopted a resolution of councilman Gil Weidenfeld that would approve the proposal for the Council of Governments to apply for a LEAA grant to set up a data bank coordinating the information-gathering efforts of 13 local police jurisdictions. However, the motion adopted urged COG to reduce the share of grant money that would be used for obtaining additional source development.

Fears had been expressed by many that the latter activity would set up in COG a super-intelligence agency, not responsive to any group, with powers such as wiretapping that would violate civil liberties. In acknowledgement of the latter fear, the motion adopted by council also urged that funds for additional source development be provided directly to the police department of the jurisdiction where additional information is needed.

Mrs. Maffay and Rhea Cohen voted against the motion.

Parking Leases

Upon the suggestion of Giese, the council decided to discontinue its policy of leasing spaces in the center mall parking lots and to revert back to its old policy of making all spaces available to citizens on a first come, first served basis, with the exception of four spaces reserved for doctors' vehicles, which vehicles are needed for emergency purposes. Mayor Richard Pilski opposed the decision.

Pool Concession

The council agreed to lease the swimming pool concession for the coming pool season to Barry Tash and Robert Caplon after receiving no other proposals from Greenbelters. The proposed agreement calls for the city to receive 3% of the gross revenues up to \$3,000 and 6% of all gross revenues in excess of \$3,000. After hearing that the young concessionaires had anticipated the city's desire to give preferential employment to Greenbelt residents by employing a Greenbelt resident as manager, Mayor Pilski chuckled, "It's apparent we have some real operators here."

Other Action

The council gave final approval to a resolution transferring funds from reserves to meet the 5% salary increase voted by city council last June. Also approved was a resolution authorizing the issuance of \$50,000 in tax anticipation notes, as the city expects it will be short of cash funds, the bulk of tax monies not being due until September.

The council approved a request from the Greenbelt Lake concessionaires for three additional boats on the lake. The council also approved the purchase of an International Harvester refuse collection truck at the low bid of \$16,624.

Introduced for first reading was a new admissions and amusement tax resolution calling for a 4 1/2 percent city tax, effective January 1, 1973. The total tax will remain the same, as the State is discontinuing a 1/2% State amusement tax effective at the same time that the city tax goes up from 4 to 4 1/2 percent. The new ordinance will also broaden the taxing authority of the city as to the kinds of admissions and amusements.

The council voted to send a letter to the family of Governor George Wallace expressing its regrets at the tragic shooting at the Laurel shopping center.

Council received the resignation of Richard Alpher from the APB due to his moving out of town. Council will consider naming his successor and appointments to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board at its next meeting on Monday, June 12. Persons wishing to serve are asked to submit resumes to council.

Council asked the manager to notify the post office that washing its trucks in the parking lot where the suds go into the storm drain and the lake rather than into a sewer system is in violation of city ordinance.

Grading Begins on Greenbriar Tract

by Elaine Skolnik

Members of the Prince Georges Environment Coalition (PGECE) were on the scene Monday, May 15, when grading work commenced on the Greenbriar tract. The site, slated for 1,193 luxury apartments, was picketed by some ten persons who objected to the bulldozing of trees before the developer obtained the necessary sewer permits. PGECE charged that the land may erode for years before construction takes place, causing flooding in communities downstream along Indian Creek.

Developer Alan Kay told the *News Review* that the work done on Monday was limited to clearing some areas for construction trailers, for vehicles to get into the tract and for the recreation building.

The Greenbriar development has received recommendations for approval by all the reviewing agencies with the exception of Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and the Prince Georges County Inspection and Licenses Department. A spokesman for PGCLD said that while the developer was allowed to take out his grading permits, building permits would be withheld until a means of sewage disposal was available and until sub-soil testing was accomplished.

In the meantime, plans for testing a chemical treatment process to increase the capacity of the Western Branch Wastewater Treatment plant received a favorable nod from the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. A successful outcome may solve Greenbriar's sewage problems.

WSSC officials said that they have not yet received official notice of the approval but they were going ahead with tests on a smaller scale involving a pilot laboratory test. It was also announced that the Maryland Environmental Services would arrange for sludge disposal.

Branch - Holt

The wedding vows of Jane Christine Branch and David Stevens Holt were solemnized on Saturday, May 6 at ten o'clock in The Adelphi Mill, Riggs Road, Hyattsville, with the Rev. Robert L. Field, Minister, Greenbelt Community Church, officiating. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Daniel Bernice Branch of Greenbelt. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall W. Holt of Hyattsville.

Mrs. John Thomas Fuston, sister of the bride, was matron of honor and Mrs. Marshall W. Holt, Jr., bridesmaid.

Marshall W. Holt, Jr. served as best man for his brother and ushers were his brothers, Michael Holt and Mark Holt.

After a honeymoon trip to Florida the young couple will reside in New Carrollton.

MAJOR CONTESTS DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY GREENBELT VOTE (unofficial returns)

	Total	Center	North End	SprgLake
President				
Hubert H. Humphrey	580	206	155	219
George S. McGovern	1,404	482	328	594
George C. Wallace	612	223	231	158
Congress (Fifth District)				
Edward T. Conroy	1,095	403	346	346
Meyer M. Emanuel, Jr.	1,089	377	265	447

MONTEREY POP RETURNS

Monterey Pop is back! Shown before at the Greenbelt Library to a full house, a second showing of Monterey Pop is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23 at 7:30 in the meeting room. Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Ravi Shankar, and many other guests of the popular music world make this a film treat well worth seeing twice. The Young Adult department welcomes everyone to an experience in sound and sight - Monterey Pop.

Recreation Review

Swimming Pool

The summer season opens Saturday, May 27, at 1 p.m., with the opening of the Municipal Pool. Season passes are now on sale. Beat the rush and purchase them at a discount rate before the opening day. Applications are available at the Youth Center, City Offices, and at the Library.

G.H.I. Elections

The Youth Center Gymnasium will be closed Wednesday, May 24, due to G.H.I. elections.

Bike Trails

On display at the Youth Center is a detailed map of bicycle routes in the City of Greenbelt. There are safety information posters which all cyclists should read. Anyone interested in joining a bicycle club for bike hikes and fun, sign up at the Youth Center.

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Present tenants of the 165 one-to-three bedroom units have been given first opportunity to buy.

Oriole Bus Trip

The Greenbelt Sports Club is planning a bus trip to Memorial Stadium on Sunday, June 4. Oakland will face the Orioles on that date.

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BIOGRAPHIES OF GHI BOARD, AUDIT COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

BOARD DIRECTORS (Vote for 4 only)

Lekh R. Batra 2-G Plateau

Lekh R. Batra, a GHI member since 1968, lives at 2-Q Plateau Place with his wife Suzanne and two children, Mira 8 and Persa 5. He is a member of the GHI FINANCE COMMITTEE and has been a member of the executive committee of the SAVE OUR COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (SOCC). He actively participated in the relocation of the high school complex two years ago. He has been a social worker for three years (Ithaca, N.Y. and Chester, Pa.). Mr. Batra has actively participated in several civic activities in Greenbelt and served on two ad hoc committees. He has been a grand juror of the Prince George's County for one term.

Mr. Batra, 42 years old, completed his undergraduate schooling in Panjab, India. Professionally he is botanist (mycologist) with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and earned a Ph.D. from Cornell University in 1958. He taught at Cornell University and Swarthmore College for two years each and at the University of Kansas, Lawrence (for 6 years) where he was an Associate Professor. He has considerable management experience in fiscal matters and was an editor of a professional periodical for three years.

Howard Brooks 13-C Ridge Rd.

Was born and raised in the Philadelphia - South Jersey area and attended local schools. By profession an attorney-at-law, he has worked for the Federal Government (Social Security Administration) for over 13 years.

He has been a resident of the local area for the past seven years and moved into Greenbelt proper in May of 1971. Married, has three children - two attend Greenbelt Center School and one attends Greenbelt Junior High.

Affiliations include membership in the Capitol Hill Lion's Club in D.C. and currently serving as president of the Men's Club of Mishkan Torah Synagogue in Greenbelt. Previously served as Financial Secretary of the Men's Club.

Katherine Keene 6-H Hillside Rd.

Born in Seattle, Washington. Educated in public schools of Seattle; BA from University of Washington (sociology); MA from Columbia University Teachers College (social studies); also attended University of Wisconsin, Northwestern. Teacher of history and Western Civilization at High Point High School since 1956. Served in World War II secret intelligence as WAC with Office of Strategic Services in England, France, Germany.

Member of GHI since 1959. Chairman of Audit Committee 1965/66. Member of Board of Directors since 1966. Chairman of Membership Communications Committee which plans, writes, and publishes the GHI Newsletter on a regular schedule. Served on Member Relations, Larger Homes, Member Complaints, Landscape, Planning, and various ad hoc committees; in addition has attended several Eastern Cooperative Housing Association conferences. Member of City of Greenbelt Community Relations Advisory Board.

Anthony Lynch 42 Ridge

Tony is a native Washingtonian, and grew up in Gaithersburg, Md., located in Montgomery County.

He attended St. Martin's Elem. School, Gaithersburg High, and Montgomery College. While in High School, he formed the first charter chapters of the Isaac Walton League in that school.

Tony served three and one half years in the U.S. Air Force with the Civil Engineering Section in housing maintenance. His primary duties were maintenance and repair of steam & hot water boilers, domestic furnaces, and plumbing systems.

In June of '71, he and his wife, Judy, and son, Scott moved to Greenbelt. Tony's wife is an R.N. in the emergency room at P. G. Hospital.

He belongs to the SAVE OUR COMMUNITY COMMITTEE and the Greenbelt Lions club. Tony is chairman of the Eye Pledge Cards and was elected to a position on the Lions Club board of directors. He helped direct & judge the bicycle parade at the Labor Day Festival. He has worked on radio station WWDC's C.A.P.P. anti-drug program.

Tony is associated with the Wm. R. Kendrick Co. as an Advertising & Public Relations Counselor.

Stephen Polaschik 12-D Ridge Rd.

Presently serving as Vice President of the Board of Directors of GHI. Have lived in Greenbelt since 1948 with family which includes wife Betty, a Registered Nurse, and daughter Rita, a Junior at Parkdale Sr. High School. Also have another daughter, Mrs. Betty Smith residing in Rockville. Before coming to the Board eight years ago, served on several GHI committees and was elected to the Nominations and Election Committee and to the Audit Committee. Experience and training have been pointed to public and business administration. Graduate of George Washington University (Master of Business Administration). Participated as officer in parent-teacher groups at St. Hugh's and Center Schools. Also active in church activities at St. Gregory's and previously at St. Hugh's. Have been active worker with Twin Pines, CF-PG, and Freedom of the Press, and Greenbelt Concert Band. Memberships in Association of Public Program Analysts, American Legion Post #136 and Prince Georges Environment Coalition.

Chairman, Ad Hoc Greenbelt Indoor Swimming Pool Committee and past member Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board, Personnel Advisory Board and Environmental Subcommittee, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Worked in the Federal Service in areas of budgeting, administration, program management and PPE. Now Division Program Management Officer with Bureau of Community Environmental Management, Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

James W. Smith 133 Greenhill Rd.

James W. Smith, Ph.D., an Agricultural Research Scientist, came to Greenbelt in 1962. A native of Oak Grove, Louisiana, he received

a B.S. and M.S. degree from Louisiana State University and the Ph.D. from North Carolina State College.

In 1953, he was commissioned as an U.S. Army Reserve Officer in the artillery and served on active duty until 1955. During his graduate studies he was active in the Army Reserve, serving as a Battery Commander and a Battalion Staff Officer.

Prior to joining the ARS, he was an Instructor at North Carolina College for two years. Dr. Smith is the leader of the Genetics and Management Investigation of the Dairy Cattle Research Branch and is active in several national committees and professional organizations.

He is Treasurer of GHI, active in Greenbelt Baptist Church, and interested in all aspects of community affairs.

Thomas X. White 8 Woodland Way

Tom White is a lifelong area resident. He graduated from Gonzaga College High School in Washington, D.C. After serving five years as a medical corpsman in the U. S. Navy, he continued his education and in 1962 obtained a B.S. degree in Microbiology from the University of Maryland. Tom is employed as technical assistant to the sterile products manager with the BioQuest division of the Becton-Dickinson Co. located in Cockeysville, Md. BioQuest is the world's largest producer of prepared Bacteriological Media. Tom is also a degree candidate in the MBA evening program at the George Washington University.

Tom and Helen White reside at 8 Woodland Way with their family of six children. They have been GHI members for 13 years. During those years Tom has served on the following committees: Nominations and Elections, four years elected to chairmanship of the Audit Committee, Ad Hoc By-Laws Committee, Committee to review and revise GHI committee structure, Chairman of Special Finance subcommittee to review reserve policies in 1970, Committee on Reserves. As a Board member, Tom has served as the Chairman of the Government Affairs Committee and Chairman of the Ad Hoc Townhouse Project Committee.

His other civic activities include chairmanship of the Greenbelt Save Our Community Committee, and he also serves on the Model Neighborhood Action Board for the Prince Georges Model Cities Program.

Tom continues his training as a Medical Corpsman by serving as the Senior Enlisted Advisor to a special medical division at the U. S. Naval Reserve Training Center in Adelphi, Md.

AUDIT COMMITTEE (Vote for 3 only)

Gordon Allen 65-H Ridge Road

Over eleven years a member of GHI: "Triangle" zoning, 1961-62; GHI Regulations Committee, 1962; Twin Pines Supervisory Committee and subsequently Board (serving as Secretary) 1962-67; Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt - Board member, 1967; GHI Land Committee; GHI Landscape Committee, Chairman; GHI Committee-on-Committees; GHI Nominations and Elections, 1969-71; early Townhouse proponent and continuous supporter; currently, disgusted purchaser. Born in Lansing, Michigan; a librarian by craft (Michigan State and the University of Michigan) employed by the U.S. Engineer Agency for Resources Inventories. Married, with four children ranging from primary school to draft age.

Experience with cooperatives and Credit Unions back to post-graduate age in Independent housing; understanding of operating theory, as well as general business principles.

Alexander E. Barnes 5-D Laurel Hill Road

Alexander Barnes has served the last year as Chairman of the Audit Committee.

Thirty-four years old, he graduated from Amherst (Mass.) College in 1962. He subsequently taught mathematics and science in a small private school in southern Maryland for a year. He then came to the Goddard Space Flight Center as a Data Technician. He was promoted to Programmer, Senior/Lead Programmer, and finally Systems Analyst. He received three awards for cost-reduction suggestions, one of which netted savings in excess of \$225,000. In 1968 he accepted a position with the George Washington University on a government project to help teachers of handicapped children. His current responsibilities include active participation in the development of the budget for this \$300,000 project.

Barnes has been a member of the News Review staff since 1970. He served on the Twin Pines Supervisory Committee from 1967-70.

Barnes has lived in Greenbelt since 1966. He is married. He and his wife, Sandra, have two children, Alexander, Jr., (4), and David (3). Alexander Sr.'s hobbies are flying—he recently became a commercial pilot—and running.

Charles S. Brown 17-E Ridge Road

Resident of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., since July, 1968, with wife, Pat, and son, Eric who is in sixth grade at Greenbelt Center Elementary

School.

He is thirty seven years old and has served four years as a U. S. Navy Medical Corpsman. He attended the University of Louisville in Kentucky and graduated from the University of Maryland with a bachelor of arts degree in secondary education, with a minor in U. S. history. He is currently a member of Greenbelt Garden Club, Center School PTA and is employed by Fort Lincoln Cemetery.

James R. Foster 4-H Hillside Road

Has been a resident of Greenbelt since June 1959. He holds a B.A. and the M.S. degree from the University of Kentucky, has studied at the University of Chicago and holds a Ph.D. degree from Ohio State University. Since 1948 he has been on the staff of the University of Maryland where he serves as an Entomologist for the State Board of Agriculture. Over the years he has taught at the University of Kentucky, conducted field research as an archaeologist for the Tennessee Valley Authority and the National Park Service and served as an Entomologist with the Food and Drug Administration.

During the Second World War he served in the European Theatre and later in the Korean War. At present he is Secretary-Treasurer of the Prince George's Chapter of the Reserved Officers Association and Chairman of the Committee on ROTC affairs for the Department of Maryland.

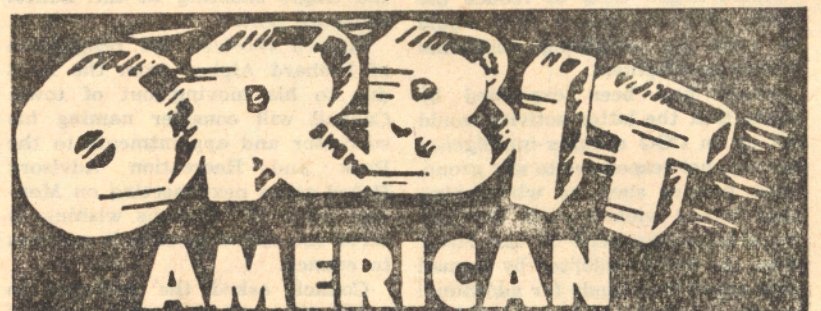
He served as a member of the land Usage Committee of Greenbelt and the Committee on Nuclear Power Plant. He is a member of St. Hugh's Church, where he has served as President of the Parish Council and is active in several church organizations.

In 1970 he was elected to the Audit Committee, and reelected for a second term in 1971.

GDC Operations In Black This Year

Greenbelt Development Corporation, the wholly-owned subsidiary of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., that operates the Parkway apartments finished its 1971 operations in the black for the first time in three years. Actually, the excess of income over expenditures was very small, but would have been greater if not for the one-time extensive maintenance and renovation work that was done during the year. Manager Roy Breashears was optimistic that future operations would reflect further gains.

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3. Voter gives authorization slip to clerk manning machine as he enters voting machine. Slip is dropped into manila envelope taped to the machine and clerk pushes button allowing voter to cast ballot.
4. Voter votes.
5. As voter leaves machine, machine clerk hands him colored "questionnaire" and drops it in box designated QUESTIONNAIRE.
6. At close of polls tallies will be taken from machines. Proxy ballots will be tallied and totals certified by all members of N. and E. Committee.
7. All questionnaires will be tallied. Those with comments will be set aside for placement in N. and E. file for newly elected committee to take into consideration. Tallies will be certified by all members of N. and E. Committee.
8. Chairman of N. and E. Committee will announce results and certify election at the board meeting in GHI Board room during meeting scheduled for June 8th.

LITTLE LEAGUERS

by Joel Kastner

As the rain continues to postpone and shorten many games, the teams are picking up momentum for the long mid-season stretch. The Tigers have taken over the lead in the NL while the A's continue to hold sway in the AL. Here are the standings as of Tuesday.

National League			
	W	L	T
Tigers	3	1	0
Indians	2	1	1
Giants	1	2	0
Orioles	1	2	0
American League			
	W	L	T
Athletics	3	0	0
Cards	1	1	1
Lions	2	2	0
Cubs	0	4	0

On Thursday, the Athletics' run scoring machine produced 25 more as they knocked off the Cubs, 25-8. The Tigers edged the Orioles 7-6, despite Gene Kellaher's 6th inning home run, on Friday. With thunderstorms looming all around, the Tigers blanked the Cubs, 14-0, the following Monday. Then the storms decided to pay McDonald Field a visit and the game was called in the 4th inning. George Hanyok hit two home runs for the Tigers. On Tuesday the Lions overcame the Giants, 8-5.

In the first Little League night game, the Indians defeated the Lions, 8-6, in a game highlighted by a Gary Stracho home run. The game was played under the lights at Braden Field on Friday. In a make-up game for a rainout, the Cardinals routed the Lions, 11-3.

This week's games: Thursday, May 18, 6:00 Indians vs. A's. Friday, May 19, 6:00 - Giants vs Orioles. Saturday, May 20, 10:00 A.M. - Lions vs. A's. Noon - Cards vs Tigers. Monday, May 22, 6:00 - Tigers vs. Lions. Tuesday, May 23, 6:00 - A's vs. Giants. Wednesday, May 24, 6:00 - Cubs vs Lions.

One Mile Races June 3

Young runners up to 15 years of age from Greenbelt and the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan areas will have an opportunity to compete in a series of age group 1 mile national AAU championship races on Saturday, June 3 at Fort Meade, Md. Runners from the eastern third of the U.S. will compete for national honors on an all-weather track at Mullins Field starting at 6:30 p.m. All finishers will receive a trophy. Several national age-group champions will compete.

Boys and girls will run in separate races with runners of their approximate speed starting with 7 and under, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 and 14-15 years. Anyone 15 and under who has run a mile may enter by registering in advance or two hours before the race (small entry fee). Those competing for national AAU ranking, medals and teams must be registered AAU members and send their entry fee, copy of birth certificate and AAU number to Gabe Mirkin, M.D., 9900 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, Md., 20853, Phone 929-9698.

Two Masters 1-mile races to promote physical fitness for runners over 40 and 50 years of age with trophies to all finishers will start at 6:30 p.m. All runners must wear flat running shoes, tennis shoes or spikes of only 1/8". Information on all races from Larry Noel 688-7982 or 474-9362.

Greenbelter Gives Recital

Kathy Frye, 14-B Hillside, a voice student at the University of Maryland, will be presenting a solo recital on Saturday, May 20 at 4 p.m. in the recital hall of the Tawes Fine Arts Building. All are welcome and admission is free. A reception will follow.

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- . . . Should we upgrade our 1940-style homes to 1970 standards?
- . . . Should we amend our bylaws to change our corporate structure?

The decision making starts on May 24 and 25 - with YOUR VOTE.

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 - Outspoken leader against proposed sewage plant
 - Presently waging a court fight to reverse higher density zoning of Greenbriar tract
- One of the first to call for review of our fiscal policies
 - Chairman of Audit Committee that called for reserve study in 1968, 1969 and 1970
 - Recommended change in working capital assessment in 1968, which was finally adopted by the Board in April, 1972
 - Served on all Finance Committees that led to Board adoption of fiscally sound reserve policies
- Have long recognized the value of an informed, active membership (Not a controlled one)
 - Actively supported membership call for voting procedure reforms
 - Fully supported membership call for independent Management Audit
 - Questions the value of a tired old Newsletter that fails to communicate to the members the information they need and want
- I will continue to work for:
 - Better financial information provided to members
 - Rational decision making to resolve the problems facing GHI
 - A Board that will work with the members in a mutual effort to preserve the unique character of Greenbelt.

I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND YOUR VOTE ON MAY 24th and 25th AT THE
GHI ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION AT THE GREENBELT YOUTH CENTER

Management Survey cont'd

Among the findings of the management firm were:

(1) the effectiveness of the system for governing GHI has deteriorated in recent years, due primarily to factionalism and a climate of mutual hostility and suspicion which has disrupted its policy-making processes; excessive concern with short-term issues; and insufficient attention to long-term problems of the corporation;

(2) the board of directors has given undue attention to minor administrative and regulatory matters at the expense of formulating long-range policies;

(3) with isolated exceptions, member committees have been largely ineffectual;

(4) the general manager is overburdened with minor administrative duties, provision of staff support to the board and various committees, and responsibility for resolving member grievances;

(5) sufficient authority has not been delegated to the staff to ensure satisfactory performance of such routine matters as enforcement of regulations;

(6) the financial posture of the corporation has rapidly deteriorated in the last ten years, due primarily to reluctance to increase charges to members by sufficient amounts to meet clearly foreseeable cost increases and to maintain cash flow, corporate liquidity, and reserves at acceptable levels. The firm urged that previous recommendations of the Finance Committee regarding working capital and reserve requirements be promptly implemented; and

(7) concern was expressed over the ability of the corporation to act responsibly where such action might increase operating costs and charges to members in the short run. That such concern has a real basis may be noted by the results of the CMP questionnaire which showed that 45.2 percent of the members responding said that present monthly charges were "too high" and only 3.3 percent assessed them as "too low." The remainder indicated that charges were "about right." However, most members (62.9%) approved the building up of reserves to rebuild or replace existing homes which become uneconomical to maintain. Only 21.4 percent opposed (the remainder had no opinion).

The report saw a need for isolating the corporation's decision-making systems from pressures for emphasis on short-run considerations applied by dissident membership factions. The report noted that the assumed reaction of dissident factions has occasionally disproportionately influenced corporate deliberations on such matters as increases in member monthly charges and has discouraged open discussions of the long-term goals of the co-op.

The report also noted that an inordinate amount of the time and energy of board members and senior staff have been allocated to the resolution of disputes with member factions and the interpretation of accusations.

Suggestions

To strengthen the corporation's policy-making functions, the report said that the role of the board of directors should be revitalized, and focused on long-range planning. It recommended that the size of board of directors be increased to 15 members serving three-year overlapping terms, to provide greater depth and balance and more equitable distribution of anticipated increases in board workload. It would abolish all standing member committees (including the membership-elected Audit Committee) except the Nominations and Elections Committee and replace them with those consisting only of board members, to include an executive committee, planning committee, finance committee, and a member relations committee.

GHI's middle management structure would be reinforced through appointment of qualified staff directors of planning and engineering, finance and administration, maintenance, and member relations. The member relations department would encompass the present sales office, and its director would be a GHI "Ombudsman" and the key channel through whom members would transmit complaints to the staff and board.

In the area of financial management, CMP recommended that the corporation develop a long-range board.

financial management plan, furnish improved quarterly and annual operating statements to the membership, prepare and distribute a member financial management handbook, expand the scope and depth of GHI audits, develop a short-range plan to improve corporate liquidity, and change the fiscal year to a July 1-June 30 basis.

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by auth. Loretta Brooks

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Our Neighbors

by Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060

Joe Nusinov and Al Skolnik finished last Friday's duplicate bridge session with 5 straight top boards to take first place, 2 points ahead of runners-up Alan Haga and Robert Pasternak. Next game, Friday, May 26.

Marc Smith received a club award from Prince Georges Community College on May 14. Marc is active in the Ski Club.

On the podium at the first public hearing held by the Prince Georges County Ad Hoc Committee on the status of women were Greenbelters Beverly Stone, an attorney, and county police Sgt. Carole Polley and Nan Furioso, staff member of the Montgomery County budget and research office.

Appearing in the April/May edition of "The Exceptional Parent" is an article "Invisible Barrier" written by Mrs. Mary Jane Rhodes of SHL. The story is about her son, Ronnie, who is deaf. Mrs. Rhodes is Assistant to the Director of the Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf (COSD). She is also Special Consultant to the International Association of Parents of the Deaf and a member of the National Rehabilitation Task Force of the Deaf.

Congratulations to Jeanne Fleming, Mrs. SHL of 1972. The Flemings reside at 6011 Springhill Dr. with their three children, Tony, Sean and Ryan. Jeanne is an exercise instructor at SHL and has recently started a catering business. Runner-up in the contest was Libby Yates.

Bill, Pat and Tony Molden recently vacationed at the home of Bill's parents, Betty and Roy Meyers, in Kokomo, Indiana. While there, Pat took her first lesson in piloting a plane and everyone enjoyed a week-end of camping on the bank of the Tippicanoe River near Buffalo, Indiana. Bill and Pat had a wonderful time "getting away from it all" and Tony was delighted to be with his paternal grandparents.

Views On Mgmt. Survey

by Miriam Cornelius

Of special interest at the regular Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board meeting on May 11 was the presentation by Nan Furioso of a statement she had written in regard to the recommendations of the Cresap, McCormick and Paget management survey. Ms. Furioso, who lives at 20 E Ridge Road, is a management analyst in the Office of Budget and Research, Montgomery county government.

Ms. Furioso urged the early formation of a planning, programming and budgeting system as recommended by the report to ensure the continuity of the corporation and its homes and to improve the prospect of obtaining financial assistance in carrying out the findings of the structural survey. In addition, a very strong feeling was expressed by Ms. Furioso that the entire report of the management survey should be distributed to the GHI membership.

Several visitors attended the meeting. Louise MacDiarmid suggested the desirability of handing questions to management, in advance for the May 17 meeting on the structural survey. The board reviewed Gordon Allen's correspondence with manager Roy Breashears on methods of computing interest on the townhouse equity, on the adjustment of air flow dampers, and on the failure of the contractor to replace topsoil as required in the contract. It then passed a motion to accept the condition of the yard sites as being standard practice of contractors. The board denied a request to install an outside antenna and granted one for an indefinite visit by a non-paying guest.

A draft for a letter to GHI members transmitting two proposed bylaw amendments was approved with minor changes. The amendments relate to procedures for authorizing increases in members' monthly payments and will be acted on at the annual meeting.

Date for the next board meeting was set for Thursday, May 18.

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John F. Downs, Jr. Director of Planning

by Sheldon Golub
Community Relations, MNCPPC
Professional responsibility was given to John F. Downs, Jr., as rapidly as he was able to accept that responsibility and in the mid 1960's he progressed to what was then the Planning Administration Section to become Assistant Planning Engineer, and then on to the Advance Planning Section to become Chief of Research and Special Studies with the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

"It was at this time in my career that I learned best how interaction is involved in the Planning Profession between the general public, professional staff members, and our government agencies whether they be local, state, or federal," observed Mr. Downs, a Greenbelt resident. "It was also knocked into my head at that time that land planning cannot stop at political boundaries just as a mountain range or a river does not stop when it comes to the border of a county or state."

Mr. Downs' administrative skills were sharpened when in 1967 as Chief of the Community Plans Division of the Prince George's County Regional Office, he took on the responsibility of supervising the activities of 25 staff members engaged in the development of 15 area master plans. About one and one-half years later, Downs was named the Associate Director of Planning, a title he held until he was named the Director of Planning for Prince George's County in 1970.

"One of the major frustrations in planning is the reality that many people must be consulted before a planning concept or policy can be effectively carried out," explained Mr. Downs. "The frustration comes with the realization that everyone seems to come up with a different solution to the same problem. It sometimes becomes a lesson in contradictions."

"Concepts of planning are changing as rapidly as the character of our society. It is that element of change that makes planning as a profession both a daily challenge and excitement."

Jack Downs is the 42 year old Director of Planning for Prince George's County who can attest to his own words. He has had first-hand experience in dealing with the numerous challenges since he first stepped into the planning profession at The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission back in 1958.

But even prior to that time, he was heading his ambitions toward a career in planning. In 1953 Downs completed his Bachelors Degree in Geography at the University of Maryland. From there he went on to the United States Air Force in which he received the rank of Captain and in the early 1960's he went back to the University of Maryland to finish work on a Masters Degree in Geography in 1962.

Just about the time that Downs was preparing to have published through the University his pamphlet entitled "Geography Planning in the Urban Community," and while serving on the Advisory Planning Board for the City of Greenbelt, he came to the Commission as a Senior Park Planner. Within a year he had transferred to the Advanced Planning Section of the Commission's Department of Planning as a Senior Planner and found himself working at the embryo stages of projects that he followed to completion and now, as Director of Planning, he serves as watchdog over some of these same projects.

"We have made some great strides forward in Prince George's County," he observed. "Our problem is not one of not recognizing what was done wrong in the past, but how to correct those mistakes in the most effective manner. We must realize that we cannot correct years of accumulated errors in a short time. It may take as long to implement change as it did originally to initiate the problem. In recognizing our mistakes we can at least provide safe-guards to assure that they are not repeated."

Mr. Downs has a particular interest in the future of Prince George's

Beltway Plaza Easement

An agreement which grants the Beltway Plaza developers an easement on the Board of Education bus lot next to Klein's is currently being reviewed by Sidney Brown, developer of the shopping center. Brown needs the land, which sits atop an eroding embankment, so that he can construct a catch basin with pipes running down the slope to insure proper drainage and a proper slope.

The agreement was drawn up by the board's attorney and final approval by the board depends upon Brown meeting certain conditions. They include:

- approval from appropriate agencies (Department of Water Resources, County Licenses and Permits) of grading and sedimentation control plans;

- surety bond to guarantee performance (the school board wanting to be certain that water is collected properly at top, properly channeled down the slope, and properly disposed of at the bottom, and also that protection be assured regarding the relocation or replacement of its security fence, gasoline pumps, concrete block maintenance building and existing asphalt pavement, some of which will have to be removed when the grading is done);
- a legally binding agreement for perpetual maintenance;

- copies of surveying plans, metes and bounds, plat, and other related documents.

In the meantime, the circuit court has set Monday, June 12, as the trial date in the case of the State of Maryland against First National Realty Corporation, the Beltway Plaza developer, and Sidney Brown. The latter have been charged with violating the States' water resources statute by allegedly polluting Indian Creek as the result of erosion of the shopping center's land. An earlier trial date of March 27 was postponed in order to allow sufficient time for the gathering of information and depositions pertinent to the case.

SOCV Versus County, Court Hearing Set

A date of Friday, June 2 has been set for Judge William B. Bowie to hear a series of motions and counter-motions made in connection with Save Our Community Committee's suit against the county for approving the Greenbriar special exception.

Thomas X. White, on behalf of SOCC, has asked the court to reverse the decision of the county council, sitting as the District Council, which would permit the Greenbriar developer (Alan Kay and associates) to construct 2- and 3-bedroom apartments in excess of the number allowed by the zoning ordinance. White contends that the council failed to determine that adequate sewage facilities would be available and disregarded the fact that there would be a resultant increase in traffic volume.

The county law office and Kay are asking the court to set aside an earlier March 29 order which had granted SOCC leave to file an amended petition for review and for summary judgment. SOCC is asking for summary judgment because of alleged failure of the county to submit timely replies to its earlier petition. The county replies that on April 14, Judge James H. Taylor signed an order extending the time in which the county may submit their replies. The county also contends that SOCC's motion contains no statement of points and authorities.

Concert at Parkdale

Parkdale Senior High School will give a band concert on Friday, May 26, at 8 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the school.

Solo and ensemble groups who will participate in the state music festival will perform, in addition to the orchestra, directed by Mrs. Dorothy Pickard, and the concert and symphonic bands, directed by Bruce Nale.

Tickets may be purchased from any band member or at the school.

ge's County and the country as well. He lives at 4-D Crescent Road, and is the father of eight children who will all face the future that he will help to create.

Council Struggles With The 1973 City Budget

A somewhat brighter revenue picture was painted by city treasurer Mabel Kandler last week as the council continued its review of the 1972-73 municipal budget in an effort to avert a 21-cent increase in the property tax rate. The April budget submitted by city manager James K. Giese had projected an increase in the tax rate from 84c per \$100 assessed valuation to \$1.05. A public hearing on the budget will be held this Monday, May 22, at 8 p.m. in the city offices.

The Giese budget contained an estimate of \$53.8 million for the city's assessed real property. The latest figures compiled by Mrs. Kandler produce an estimate considerably above \$54 million. Assuming no change in the rate of expenditure projected in the budget, the tax rate is affected by 1 cent for approximately every \$500,000 of assessed valuation.

The city also anticipates that its share of the amusement admission tax and the State income tax will be greater than first projected — about \$15,000 more. The property tax rate can be reduced about 1 cent for each \$6,000 of additional revenues.

Federal Funds

The biggest question on the revenue side is whether Congress will pass revenue-sharing legislation before it adjourns this year. According to a bill which has received favorable attention by the House Ways and Means Committee, Greenbelt could receive \$107,000 in grant money from the Federal government. However, unknown at this time are the conditions attached to the money or the timing of the payments. Because of the uncertainty surrounding the legislation, it is difficult for council, which is faced with a June 10 deadline for adoption of the budget, to allow for this new source of revenue in the budget.

In last week's review of miscellaneous items, the council found little that it could cut on the expenditure side. The city's latest figures on the consumer price index for the Washington area show an increase of 3.1 percent from the year before.

In the original budget, Giese had projected a larger increase and had called for a 4 1/2 percent hike in city salary rates to match the rise in cost of living. The city council now indicates that it would go along with a 3.5 percent increase, which might save a cent on the tax rate as compared with a 4.5 percent increase.

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Greenbelt's Empty Trash Can Greenbelt Environment Action Committee

By Gabe Huck

About thirty persons, a third of them Jaycees, showed up last Saturday for the lake area clean-up. The feeder streams were in better shape than a year ago, but there was enough of the usual (tires and bottles fished from the lake or reclaimed from the woods) and the unusual (a metal door frame, a large barrel, an intake manifold) to fill a large truck. There's not a whole lot you can do about someone who throws his or her old tires into the lake or the woods. You can pressure Goodyear and Firestone to find more uses for the things, you can ticket all the litterbugs, but the former is long range and the latter would require a police state. Bottles and cans, however, are an area where the people have the power. Right now it takes some searching to find returnable bottles for beer and soft drinks in the Greenbelt area. Non-returnables are more expensive; to the purchaser, to the environment. Ahhh, yes, but they're no trouble. Why Greenbelt Lake alone would probably hold ten million Pepsi cans! So, we'll reward those who can't be bothered with walking to a trash barrel, and we'll punish those who like a de-Pepsied lake by making them clean it up. It doesn't make sense, and you can tell that to the people at High's and the Co-op.

IN LATE MAY things wither: school functions, GHI post-election, the civic-social-church circuit. Only leisure, recreation departments and yard work flourish in the harsh suburban summer. Contrary to all the rules, GEAC will be getting organized at a May 31 meeting. That's just minutes after the rites of summer begin with the misnamed Memorial Day weekend. Mark the 31st now on your calendar if you think some things can't be put off. Specific action groups will be formed so that, come September, we can offer this community deeds already done, projects already projected, trash cans already untrashed. If you think the environment problems aren't so bad, wait till fall! Otherwise, be there on the last night of May. You are needed.

HOT LINE. Last week we gave you a phone number and asked for ideas on making the Friday paper pick-up more effective. Nobody called. Right now, only a small fraction of the newspapers (not to mention other kinds of paper) delivered to Greenbelt are being collected. Every 36-inch stack saves one tree (and about 3000 gallons of water from the paper mill's pollution). So what would it take to get you to save your papers for a week, put them in a sack and deposit them in the proper place come Friday? Better yet, what would it take to get your neighbor to do the same? You've got ideas—share them with us at 474-6433 or 474-9409. A tree will thank you.

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